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Intimations.

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Mrs D. E. Brown, Mrs Gordon, Miss Humphreys, Mrs Kruger, Mr Kruger, Mr Gonzalez, Mr Joki, Mr Koenig, Mr Leckie, Mr Stewart and Mr Grimbles.
Also, by kind permission of Admiral Baxendale, the Band of the Flagship S.M.S. FURST BISMARCK, under Bandmaster Karl Jessen, will play Four Selections.
Tickets, \$2.00 each, may be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. (Music Dept.) and W. POWELL, Ltd.; also, of Members of the Ladies' Committee of the Church, or the Undersigned.
A. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 5, 1906. 439

S.S. AUSTRALIAN.

GENERAL AVERAGE.

THE above named steamer having arrived at this Port Consignees are hereby requested to pay an AVERAGE DEPOSIT of 10% and sign the Customary Average Bond at the Office of the Undersigned before delivery of Cargo can be obtained.
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Hongkong, March 6, 1906. 476

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Hongkong, February 26, 1906. 398

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Hongkong, February 14, 1906. 312

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NOTICE.
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL MANAGERS on WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1905. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, February 27, 1906.

NOTICE.
THE UNDERSIGNED are in receipt of the a.s. LOTHIAN, which sailed hence for New York on the 14th December last, has put into Malta for repairs, and will be necessary for the steamer to dry dock there before proceeding on her voyage to New York.
DODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 10, 1906.

NOTICE.
THE WING SUN and Company of No. 54, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, TAILORS and OUTFITTERS, and PUN HUI TUNG alias FUN MAN recently of the same address hereby give Notice that the said PUN HUI TUNG has this day ceased to be a Partner in the Wing Sun and Company and has no longer any connection whatever with the said firm.
Dated this 1st day of March, 1906.
WING SUN & Co.,
PUN HUI TUNG.
Hongkong, March 1, 1906.

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Intimations.

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1905-7.
SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the VICTORIA ROAD STORE OFFICE, H. M. VICTORIA ROAD, YARD, until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 20th March, for the undermentioned Articles:
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W. M. HOGARTH,
Pictorial Store Officer,
H.M. Victualling Yard,
Hongkong, March 3, 1906.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the COM-ANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to the 8th March, both days inclusive.
By Order,
C. PEMBERTON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 10, 1906.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Queen's Buildings, facing the Praya and Queen's Terrace, lately vacated by the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, to whom please apply for particulars.
Hongkong, March 6, 1906.

RESOLUTIONS:
(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner:
The following Article shall be substituted for Article 130, namely:
130. The Board, through its Secretary, shall make Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the Company from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, in each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders, on the 30th April, 1905, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905, shall be called for by or presented to the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted.
Dated the February 16, 1906.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 61, Connaught Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, 1906, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the GENERAL MANAGERS for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 10th to WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 27, 1906.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.
THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, 1906, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the GENERAL MANAGERS for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 10th to WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 27, 1906.

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THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of March, 1906, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend, and electing Director and Auditor.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th until 10th March, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.
Hongkong, March 5, 1906.

Intimations.

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C. H. GRACE,
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Hongkong, June 1, 1905.

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Hongkong, February 10, 1906.

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Hongkong, February 21, 1906.

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Hongkong, February 23, 1906.

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Hongkong, March 5, 1906.

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Latest developments of the automobile is the "Turret Car," an armored fighting machine carrying a field piece and capable of travelling 25 miles an hour. The gun is mounted in a revolving turret, and the drivers and crew are under cover of 1-inch proofed steel shields with curving edges. The machine has been submitted to very severe tests over ploughed fields and grass land, and averaged a speed of 25 miles an hour. It can take guns, machine guns, etc., and at three times the speed, and as long as fuel lasts, without growing tired as the animal does. It has all the advantages of the armored train, without its fatal drawback, the inability to take the hairpin turn up. The car can go anywhere, and manoeuvre as desired, and it brings to land warfare all the excitement and dash of sea-fighting. It is a new and revolutionary idea. The men can sleep, or at least rest, while rushing at 25 miles an hour to another spot to strike a fresh blow.

MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON.
Little-Known Peak in Uganda.
An interesting account of a journey to the glaciers of the range which is known as Ruwenzori, and said to be Ptolemy's "Mountains of the Moon," is published in the Times by Mr Douglas W. Freshfield. The writer and his friends were the first party of Alpine climbers to visit these remote snows of Uganda. They encountered, from the first, most unfavourable conditions; the eight or nine thousand feet ascent to the head of the Malindi valley was an alternation of mornesses, brimming over under incessant cloud bursts, of precipitous mudslides, and rotten barricades of fallen trees, veiling pitfalls deep enough to swallow a man. From morning till night, with too brief intervals, chilly blasts drove the towering mist up the deep trench between the dark mountain walls, blotting out everything 50 yards off. The universal moisture invaded the climbers' tents, permeating their clothes and bones.

Mr Freshfield states that his companions stopped when fog fell on them at a height of 14,500 ft.
"To be overtaken by storm on the well-known snowfields of Mount Blanc or Monte Rosa," he writes, "as has been too often proved, perilous to venture in fog upon those of an unknown mountain would have been in the highest degree foolhardy."
"Our foul weather continued, and 24 hours after our retreat to the lower valley, its torrent came down in a spate which showed that had we waited longer we might have fared worse. Though thus defeated in our principal aim, we have learnt enough from the distant views we were in rare but fortunate glimpses, able to photograph, to be in a position to do a good deal towards correcting some of the inaccurate impressions recorded by previous travellers."

A remarkable feature of the glacier is that they discharge no meltwater, but rather slowly under atmospheric pressure. A tiny clear rivulet, the issue probably of some fountain beneath the ice, is all that represents the source of the highest tributary of the Nile. The mountain tribe—the Bakonjo—who served as porters, are described as "very pleasant people."
"With the frosty splendour of the Alps, Caucasus, or Himalaya," says the writer, "the solitary African mountain cannot, as I have said, pretend to vie. But the scenery of Ruwenzori has an extraordinary character of its own."
"The landscapes of the foothills, enlivened by banana groves and beehive huts, by clusters of palms and red blossomed trees; the deep haze at the base of the central range, clothed in a bolt of tropical forest over which from the serrated crest of the Portal Peaks; scenery of this kind may be seen elsewhere."

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Aberdeen, to MARGARET MARRIAGE (Miss),
elder daughter of the late John Frederick
Thomson, M.R.C.S. Accountant, General
Post Office, Edinburgh.

WEDDING MARRIAGE.—On Tuesday, 27th
February, by the Rev. Father Rivett at
the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd,
Singapore, Mrs I. JOAQUIN, wife of the
late J. P. Joquin Esq., of Singapore to
Mr N. WILSON MONTGOMERY Esq., of
Penang.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.
Noon—Meeting of China Fire Insurance
Co., Ltd., at Co's Office.

Auction.
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 4, Salisbury Avenue Kow-
loon.

Amusements.
9 p.m.—Circus at Causeway Bay.

Miscellaneous.
Transfer Books of China Sugar Refining
Co., Ltd., close from this date to 21st
March inclusive.

Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 3:
Goods per *African Prince* undelivered
after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Austria* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per *Limning* undelivered after
2 p.m. on this date will be landed.

SATURDAY, March 4:
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Geo. Fenwick &
Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.
Noon—Meeting of China Traders' Insur-
ance Co., Ltd., at Co's Registered
Office.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Old Pekin Curios,
&c., at Messrs Hughes & Bough's
Sales Rooms.
3.50 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Mr Geo. T. Lamport's
Sale Rooms.
9 p.m.—Concert in Theatre Royal.

Transfer Books of China & Manly Steam
ship Co., Ltd., close from this date to
14th March inclusive.
Transfer Books of Hongkong Rope Manu-
facturing Co., Ltd., close from this date to
14th March inclusive.
Goods per *Bayern* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 12:
3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property,
at Messrs Hughes & Bough's Sales
Rooms.
Goods per *Tonkin* undelivered after
this date at Kowloon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, March 13:
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Volun-
teer Reserve Association at City Hall.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1906

SANITARY BOARD AND OVER- CROWDING.

A SERIES of pertinent questions pro-
pounded by Mr Shelton Hooper at yester-
day's meeting of the Sanitary Board
elicited some instructive and valuable
replies. Before proceeding to consider
the information it might be well to
point out that a striking proof is
supplied by the very fact that the ques-
tions were asked, of the groundlessness
of the anxiety exhibited in certain
quarters lest the elevation of gentlemen,
who had interests in buildings, should
lead to sinister results. We may be
pardon us if we recall the fact that we
took the diametrically opposite view,
and our judgment has so soon been
shown to have been sound. There is
not so much satisfaction to be found in
the actual answers given to Mr Shelton
Hooper's inquiries. The most impor-
tant admission is that "the over-crowd-
ing is generally distributed all over the
city." In other words the law is in-
effective or is badly administered. Of
course that overcrowding is disgracefully
rampant in the city is known to all
our subscribers who read the special
articles by one of our representatives
which were published in December last
and which first drew attention to the
matter. The representative of the
CHINA MAIL accompanied a gentleman
connected with the St. Vincent de Paul
Society on a series of visits to various
parts of the city. Writing of what he
saw he said:—"The total number of
tenants huddled together in a room that
would provide but poor lodgings for one
or two often numbered 12, 14, or 16,
and although this is far in excess of the
number allowed by the Sanitary Board's
regulations relating to overcrowding it
would be nothing short of a criminal
action to turn any of the unfortunates
out of the shelter thus provided, into
the street; where, if the regulations
were enforced, they must inevitably go.
The rent paid for these hovels ranged
from \$15 to \$24 per month and that

for the respective sections of the floor

from \$5 to \$8." Commenting upon

this we said:—"The Government should

take steps to relentlessly administer the

laws which exist. And if those laws

are found of no avail then the wisdom

of our rulers should devise fresh legis-

lation to force these men (those who re-

ceive the rents from the over-crowding

tenants) to do what is their simple duty.

The one point that the Government

should hold steadily in view is that in

the administration of existing or future

laws, the guilty only should be punish-

ed. Social laws are notoriously easy of

evasion and scrupulous care should be

taken that the unhappy tenants should

not be rudely awakened to the fact

that half of their number are thrown

out into the street, while the other half

have their rents raised." Fines amount-

ing to \$2748.50 were inflicted by the

Magistrates in 1905. The fines were

(we understand) paid by the unfortunate

tenants who were forced by rack-renters

to break the law. Surely in this case

the receiver of the rent is as much, if

not more culpable than the tenant.

The latter, as our special articles show,

is forced by his necessity to commit

a breach of the Ordinance. The land-

lord is compelled by his cupidity. In

the Court of Commencement and Natural

Right the latter would receive much

the heavier punishment, and it is surely

advisable that our courts should be

empowered to act similarly. The cry

is certain to be raised that an adamant

enforcement of any law against over-

crowding would be attended by terrible

hardships to tenants. Visions would

be evoked of decrepit and invalid per-

sons being literally thrown into the

street. Such things might be. But,

though Herbert Spencer may eloquent-

ly plead the contrary, the few should

suffer if the necessity, which is not

obvious, should arise, for the weal of

the many. It is better that some scores

of people should endure distress than

that the whole community should be

overswept by pestilence. The replies

given to Mr Shelton Hooper yesterday

proved one thing unmistakably. The

Ordinance calls for drastic amendment.

It is not enforced thoroughly as it is,

a fact that is glaringly demonstrated by

but one of the answers supplied by the

President of the Sanitary Board. That

officer endeavoured to show that the

Ordinance was being enforced by

stating that notices showing the legal

accommodation were painted on 4,053

floors during last year. Roughly

speaking there are 20,000 floors in

Hongkong, and if it takes one year (or

is it three?) to paint notices on 4,000,

how long will it take to do the 20,000?

The solution of that little problem will

show how the law is being enforced.

Verb Sap.

By a diligent study of papers of the

"family" variety one may easily, and

without much pain, acquire a large

amount of more or less valuable know-

ledge of human nature. The budding

author learns that, to be popular, in his

thrilling story he must invariably equip

the bad baronet (baronets are always bad

in "family" literature) with a "black

drooping moustache." His hero may

be clean shaven, but if he is "not his

moustache must be a "blonde dream."

A study of the "legal" column supplies

a useful insight into the intractable

desire that consumes people to get some-

thing for nothing. Much of the advice

that is given is however more likely to con-

fuse than to aid. Six queries were made

in one popular weekly lately and in each

case the replies were so abstrusely word-

ed that it would take the Judicial Com-

mittee of the House of Lords about ten

years to ascertain what actually was the

advice given. And then probably it

would be found to be all wrong. But

the most interesting feature of these

periodicals is the "general correspon-

dence column." Here frail and foolish

human nature riots unbridled and un-

ashamed. Under the cloak of anonymity

correspondents recklessly ask the blush-

ing editor to direct them how to solve

some of the most delicate problems of

life. Why an editor should be expected

to know more than was ever given to one

man to know about the gentle art of love

does not seem apparent to the ordinary

mortal. But the clientele of some of the

family papers have clearly a touching

faith in the infallibility of the editors in

regard to matters of the heart. "My

sweetheart has been out for a long

country walk with her male cousin.

Don't you think that I am justified in

throwing her over," asked a Kildermister

correspondent in one of the Saturday

journals recently. This submission to

the judgment of the editor is a fair

sample of numbers of questions of the

BY TELEGRAPH.

CHINA AND THE FOREIGNERS.

EDICT FROM THE THRONE.

Warning to the People.

(Chinese Mail Correspondent.)

PEKING, March 6.

An Imperial Edict has been issued to-day, in which reference is made to the friendship and cordial relations which have been maintained with countries Oriental and Occidental; since being opened to foreign commerce the relation of China with other countries has become closer.

The Edict then says that rumours, followed by undesirable disturbances, have recently been circulated that an anti-foreign movement is going on, which has given rise to anxiety.

This is undoubtedly owing to the fact, continues the Edict, that certain characters have started these rumours in order to dissolve our relations with foreign countries, and to arouse the minds of the people. Their secret plans are unfathomable and would bring about a considerable amount of trouble to the present position.

It has therefore been thought advisable and it is most imperative that a proclamation must be made in plain language explaining the state of affairs, so that the doubts might be removed from the minds of the public.

At the present difficult time, it is just necessary to rely on other countries to maintain peace. Is it therefore possible that anything will be done on the part of the Government which tends to disturb our own administration?

Our Government, Emperor, Statesmen, people high and low, should only do what is right so that our country may gradually become wealthy and powerful. All students likewise ought to know what is loyalty and patriotism and pursue their studies with energy in order that they might become useful to the country. They should obey the educational rules established and not mix themselves with the diplomacy of the country and offer mad criticisms.

Patriotic co-operation is undoubtedly to be maintained but see that it is done without anti-foreign attitude. Interests undoubtedly require protection but the protection given must not violate the treaties.

If the views of the statesmen and officials are not made clear, to where are the people to look for exhortations? If any bad character sees and takes an opportunity to make a disturbance, the place will suffer.

After the issue of this Edict, Viceroy, Governors and Generals throughout the Empire are ordered to issue proclamations to all officials both civil and military to protect foreign lives, foreign properties and missionaries and to inform the people if any unjust things occur to leave them to the officials to deal with. Lawlessness will be severely dealt with.

Departure of the "Empress of Japan."

Special interest attached to the departure of the Canadian Pacific Co.'s steamer "Empress of Japan" this morning, inasmuch as H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught journeyed by her from Yokohama to Vancouver. The four special state rooms on the promenade deck have been reserved for the accommodation of H. R. H., and these rooms have been entirely re-decorated and re-furnished for the special comfort of the Royal traveller; while two of the rooms remain as sleeping apartments. One has been converted into a luxurious lounge and smoking room, and another into a reading and writing room, being furnished with writing and card tables, comfortable easy chairs, rich pile carpets, and silk tapestry hangings, the work having been carried out by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., and Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co., under the supervision of the Superintendent, Mr. H. T. Richardson. The many residents and visitors who inspected these rooms were unanimous in their approval of the artistic results achieved by the above-mentioned firms.

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THE NATIONAL BANK CASE.

Book-keeping Criticized.

The action in which the National Bank of India sued Messrs P. Lemaire and Company in respect to a Bill of Exchange was continued in the Full Court this morning, before His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Francis Pigott) and His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. A. G. Wise).

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., (instructed by Mr. H. W. Looker) appeared for the plaintiff, defendant being represented by Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Mr. F. P. Hett).

The Bank sued the defendants on a bill of exchange which was accepted by the bank, and alternatively it was suing on a note in respect of the same debt. In 1902 for the first time the Bank of India in London began buying bills drawn by a firm called Shawell & Co. in England, with which firm a Mr. Plant was connected. Piry and Company were the Hongkong agents of that firm, and those bills were drawn in respect of goods consigned by Shawell & Co. to Piry. The documents for these goods were deposited with the Bank of India in London and forwarded to the bank here together with the bills. Until April, 1903, all went well and the bills were duly met by Piry, but apparently about that time Piry began to get into financial difficulties and to dishonour these bills—the first dishonoured bill bearing date of that month. The bank pressed Piry, and ultimately held these dishonoured bills and documents relating to the goods to the amount of something like \$50,000 or \$60,000. In August, 1903, Plant came to Hongkong to realise as much as possible in reduction of his own firm's liabilities, being afterwards appointed liquidator.

In cross-examination, Mr. G. W. F. Playfair, late manager of the plaintiff Bank, stated that the Bill of Exchange was given in consideration of certain bills drawn on Piry and Company. He did not know whether the bills were made payable to the National Bank of India, but could ascertain by looking up the Bill book.

Mr. Slade—Were they sent out by the National Bank of India for collection?—Yes.

Mr. Slade—And are so entered in the books?—Yes.

Mr. Slade—Therefore they are payable to the National Bank of India?—Endorsed for collection by us.

Mr. Slade—You are holding them as agents for collection for the Bank?—We got them as agents.

Mr. Slade—And are holding them as agents?—Yes.

Mr. Slade—These bills were documentary bills were they not? Documents attached not to be delivered up until payment?—Yes.

Mr. Slade—Did you deliver up the documents before payment to facilitate their settlement?—Yes.

Mr. Slade—In consequence of your having delivered up these documents did the National Bank of India make a claim on you?—They said we had exceeded instructions.

Mr. Slade—You disputed the claim, for a time and they settled it somehow or other?—We pointed out we acted to the best interests of both parties.

Mr. Slade—You compromised with them?—Yes, for £2,250.

After further questioning Mr. Slade asked witness—Was the claim made on these bills in the liquidation of Plant dishonoured because they were identical with the claim put in by the National Bank of India?—Yes.

Mr. Slade—When Piry and Company were put into liquidation was it at your suggestion?—No.

Mr. Slade—Did you consent?—I did not object.

Mr. Slade—Did you guarantee the solicitor's bill of costs?—I guaranteed the solicitor's bill but I understood it was for proceedings against creditors.

Mr. Slade—Did you guarantee the costs for the liquidation proceedings?—No.

Mr. Slade—Did you pay them?—Yes.

Mr. Slade—Under the guarantee?—Yes.

Referring to the account E. Piry and Company had with the bank, Mr. Slade asked—There is an item here for \$1605. Is that for the costs in this action?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Slade—Did you have special authority for debiting this?—Piry and Co.

Witness—Yes.

The Chief Justice—I don't understand this. They are the costs recoverable from this defendant.

Witness—They are the costs we hope to recover from this defendant.

The Chief Justice—Yet you have already debited it to Piry's account.

Witness—Yes; the losses were through Piry.

The Chief Justice—Supposing you recover costs from this defendant, will you credit Piry and Company? This action is between the National Bank of India and P. Lemaire and Company but Piry and Company are debited with the costs.

Witness—If we recover Piry's account will be credited.

The Chief Justice—I confess I don't understand your book-keeping.

Witness—It must be debited to something. I could not debit it to charges when it was recoverable.

Mr. Slade—Without this debit the account would show a credit?—Yes, that account would but we have a large set off in bills. The case was further adjourned.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

Green Island Cement Co.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the Green Island Cement Company was held this morning, at the Company's office. The Hon. Mr. R. Shawan presided, and there were also present Messrs T. Hough, P. C. Potts, E. J. Moses, Capt. Clarke, G. Murray Bain, A. Babington, A. G. Somerville and R. Henderson (secretary).

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting, and the Chairman said—Gentlemen, I beg to propose that the Capital of the Company be increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation and issue of 50,000 New Shares of \$10 each fully paid up, to be offered at par and if accepted to be allotted to the persons constituting the Shareholders of the Company according to the Company's register of Shareholders on the 1st day of July, 1906, in the proportion of one New Share for every three, Old Shares in the Company held by the respective Shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such New Shares to be paid on the 31st day of July, 1906, and that failing such allotment as aforesaid, the said New Shares be disposed of by the General Managers in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

Mr. Hough—I beg to second the motion. I think consent is absolutely unnecessary. It recommends itself.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman—That concludes the business; a confirmatory meeting will be held on March 24.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The thirty-seventh ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held at the offices of the general managers, Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Company, King's Buildings, at noon. The Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickinson was in the chair and there were also present:—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs H. P. White, F. Matfield, E. J. Moses, J. J. Leira, Capt. Clarke, S. H. Michael, W. H. Wickham, G. T. Veitch, Wong Leung Him, C. N. Young, Ho Fook and Lo Cho Shiu.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting, and

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, with your permission we will take them as read. Until within a few days of the closing of the Account we had hoped to show a very much better result for 1904, but unfortunately by the occurrence of a serious fire in Ceylon, the aspect of the Account was completely changed and the amount available for distribution amongst shareholders greatly reduced. You will have observed that the item under the head of "Japanese Government Deposit" stands in the balance sheet at \$111,000 against \$122,470.59 in the previous year. It was recommended by the auditors that these bonds should be written down to their redeemable value at par of exchange and this has been done the difference being debited to "exchange account." I am able to report that our surveys are perfectly satisfied that all our mortgages show ample margin against the same advanced. As regards the 1905 account, the balance shown at credit is the largest in the history of the Company, and if only outstanding risks continue to run off with no more than an average of losses, we should have a satisfactory account to present to you twelve months hence. There is nothing further it occurs to me to add with reference to the accounts, but I shall be happy to reply to any questions appertaining to same which shareholders may wish to ask.

There being no questions the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts, which, on being seconded by Capt. Clarke, was carried.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Messrs H. P. White, A. J. Raymond and F. Matfield were re-elected to the Consulting Committee on the motion of Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Leira.

Messrs W. H. Potts and Thos. Arnold were re-elected auditors on the motion of Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. E. J. Moses.

The Chairman—That is all the business gentlemen; dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow. Thank you for your attendance.

Mr. Wickham—Before we part I should like to propose a vote of thanks to the general managers for the very able manner with which they have carried on the business of the Company, and also to the staff. I understand that our secretary is shortly leaving us to go home and I am sure I would be voicing the wishes of all the shareholders in proposing him a hearty vote of thanks for his services in the past during the years he has been connected with the business and wishing him a long and pleasant time in his retirement (applause).

The Chairman—I am glad to have the opportunity of endorsing the remarks made by Mr. Wickham as regards the services of Mr. Veitch. It is with regret that we lose his services after the long period he has been with us (applause).

Mr. Veitch briefly returned thanks, expressing the hope that the future progress of the Company would be as prosperous as in the past.

The Herreshoff Shipbuilding Company at New York deny that the Kaiser has begun negotiations for a new yacht to be built in their yard.

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THE TAOIST TEACHING.

[BY PROFESSOR H. M. PARKER.]

Without going back to the "more ancient" "Emperor" dynasties, suffice it to say that since B.C. 1122 the dynasty of Chou had ruled imperiously with the more mundane title of "Kings."

The whole of confederated China, which was then practically confined to the north of the Yangtze, was, with the exception of the immediate kingdom domain (say modern Honan) parcelled out into feudal principalities akin in principle to the fiefdoms of ancient Europe.

In the time of Lao-tse and Confucius, the King, or Pharaoh, was, as in Egypt at various periods, to many intents merely *primus inter pares*, and the more powerful nobles, roughly corresponding with modern Shanai, Shanai, Chihli, Shantung and the Two Kiang were beginning to arrogate rival royal dignities and even to sit for quasi-imperial coronation.

Lao-tse, himself a native of the last named nois, observing from his advantageous standpoint as Archivist Keeper for the King that the throne of Pharaoh was surely collapsing, at last shook the dust of politics from his feet and took himself to the western frontier. In after ages; not then, those arose traditions of his having passed by Khotan, converted the Tarlars, and so on; but these are quite worthless.

Confucius, as a prominent man in a petty Ducal court (part of modern Shantung) also did his best, according to his lights, in order to stay the prevailing license and anarchy. It must be remembered that books were cumbersome objects in those days, being more slips of wood or bamboo, carved with a style like the flexible material still used in India and Tibet; and though the reputation of both philosophers was manifestly extensive, it is only reasonable to suppose that their best and pithy sayings were chiefly spread by word of mouth, or by sporadic slips containing each one or two sentences uttered; very much as our own "texts" are hawked about or illuminated to adorn cottages withal. Hence when the famous Lao-tse got to the "Pass" to the Alps so to speak—the frontier of empire naturally desired to save as much of him from oblivion as possible before he committed philosophical suicide, and disappeared for good. Lao-tse then probably spent a few months in pleasant retirement, jotting down, in the laconic form so inseparable from laborious and clumsy writing materials, the heads of his philosophy, the details of which would, as he knew at once, suggest themselves to each interested student.

Even at the present day it is a favourite practice with disappointed ex-Viceroys and Governors to spend their final days in philosophical obscurity as pilgrims, or hermits. I have known one such, between 60 and 600 what Lao-tse had feared actually took place. The king, Pharaoh, or Emperor, became a plaything in the hands of the most powerful nobles for the moment. The times went off fighting incessantly until about B.C. 300, when the westernmost unfederated nobles of Ts'in (Shensi), which for 500 years had been regarded as half barbarian, rejoined the Chinese political system, and through its superior energy and organization set about the deliberate absorption one by one of all the other nobles, including at last the royal domain; and finally in 221 unified the Empire under the new dynasty of "August Emperors," the Imperial title still in use.

In B.C. 213 the monarch who achieved all this, growing impatient at the criticisms of political and philosophers, resolved to put an end to both learning and literary men, so far as their existence tended to thwart his revolutionary schemes. As this identical monarch allowed himself "a hundred and thirty-three pounds weight of despatch reading" a day, it is comparatively easy to imagine what a "book" must have meant; it must have been as unwieldy as the baked clay of Babylonian. Probably, indeed, the ownership of every important book in the Empire was well-known to virtuous; and when we read of all books except those on agriculture, medicine, and divination being destroyed (an act, says Professor Chavannes, for which there was already a western precedent in Alexander's similar treatment of the Persian books on religion and philosophy) we must simply assume that well-known works, too bulky to hide, were called in and destroyed so far as it was possible to get at the owners. Meanwhile the new dynasty was as unable to digest its enormous conquest, as it was to conciliate a number of populations with conflicting traditions, already restless by five hundred years of incessant intrigue and war and shocked at the attacks on their cherished local peculiarities or traditions. After a contest of six years with rival adventurers the Prince of Han, at last in B.C. 202, got rid of allusionary opposition and founded the Han dynasty, with which the Chinese system, as we now see it, may be said to begin; to this day a Chinese calls himself "a man of Han" and the Chinese language the "Han speech."

The succeeding Emperors had leisure to hunt for the remains of the destroyed literature, and it was with the assistance of as much of this as he could scrape together that Se-ma T'sien assisted by his son Se-ma T'ien, set about composing the first great universal history already described, which has formed the model for all succeeding dynastic histories. It is scarcely too much to say that this history is the sole authority for all we know historically about Lao-tse and Taoism; for Se-ma T'ien failed not to consult, and was in a unique position for consulting, all other recovered works of antiquity that may have borne upon the subject; and it must be remembered that if we possess now the writings of Lieh-tse and other Taoist writers antecedent to Se-ma T'ien, their books, as well as Lao-tse's own book, had to be "rehabilitated" after the holocaust and lie under exactly the same doubts and disadvantages so far as their genuineness is concerned.

Now let us see what Se-ma T'ien (apart from Lao-tse's life) has to say further upon the general subject of Taoism. In Chapter 80 he tells us that when the founder of the Han dynasty was passing through the southern part of modern Chihli, he made inquiries for and enrolled the grandson of a famous general who had, seventy years earlier, challenged the pretensions of the revolutionary Ts'in invader. He goes on to explain that several members of this general's family had fled, before the rising Ts'in conquest, to modern Shantung, where one of them subsequently became a distinguished teacher and expounder of Hwang T'i and Lao-tse's sayings—"He learned from A, who studied under B, who sat at the feet of An-K'i-l'ing, whose instructor was a person of unknown antecedents called Ho-shang Chang-jin."

These two last-named person are well-known to Taoist traditions even though the date and particulars of their existence be not historically established, and An-K'i-l'ing is stated by the same traditions to have advised the conquering Emperor of Ts'in to send a mission under one Su Shi to the then semi-mythical "Isles of the East" (Japan). Se-ma T'ien's history mentions this mission of Su Shi as having taken place in B.C. 219, and to that extent, therefore, tradition is confirmed by history. But there is more: the member of the emigrating family who thus studied Taoism is said to have himself taught it to a personage named Kon-kung, and in his 54th Chapter Se-ma T'ien mentions that the statesman T'ao T'ian, who became premier to the new Han dynasty and died in B.C. 190, heard of Kon-kung's proficiency in Hwang Lo (i.e., Hwang T'i and Lao Tse's teaching), sent for him and received his advice. Another counsel for the new Han dynasty, named K'wai Ch'ih (for later reasons changed a variation or two later to K'wai Tung) said in Se-ma T'ien's 94th Chapter to have been a personal friend of An-K'i-l'ing. In Chapter 127 the character of an "Oracle" named Se-ma Ki-chu (probably a relative of the historian) is discussed; as this prophet was a friend of the well-known counsellor K'ia I, who died in B.C. 178, we can be approximately sure of his date; some of the conversations of this witty and jovial "oracles" together with two quotations cited by him from Lao-tse's most celebrated aphorisms, must have been then as much common property in China as the sayings of Cicero in Rome during the Antonine period. In Chapter 58 the statesman Chen Ping who died in B.C. 128, is said to have remarked that "the Taoists disappear to such underground haunts" and the historian Se-ma T'ien himself remarks of Chen Ping that "when young he was fond of Hwang T'i and Lao-tse's craft."

In Chapter 101 it is stated that, after the judicial murder of the minister Ch'ao T'ao in B.C. 164, his acquirement Tung Kung (or Tung Shun) came prominently forward as a counsellor but that he shortly afterwards resigned his official honours to his son, and devoted himself to the "words of Hwang Lo."

It will be noticed that in all these cases the "craft" or the "words" are spoken of which fact suggests once more the existence of a widely distributed and ancient system of thought, quite independent of any specific book. But in Chapter 121 a story is related of the second Han Emperor's widow, who died in B.C. 136; during the reign of her grandson, twenty-two years after her husband's death. She was a great admirer of Lao-tse's book, and when, in discussing its merits with the Minister Yuan Ku, the latter facetiously stigmatised its contents as "the language of a serpent," she ordered him into the outcome to assist in slaughtering swine.

(To be continued.)

BOXING.

Christie defeated at Rangoon.

In a boxing contest at Rangoon a decision was given against J. Christie (late of Hongkong) on points. His opponent was Private M. rell, middle weight champion of the Devonshires. A Rangoon paper says:—Once in the seventh round after Christie had begun to assume the aggressive, Morrell countered so effectively that he brought the professional to the boards, where he took the count up to six, and then rose very dazed, and apparently to survive the round resorted to clinches. The next round Christie came up smiling, but with a battered face, and tried hard to settle his opponent, but the soldier's elusiveness and guard were too much for him. This and the next two rounds were very fast and interesting, Christie doing all the attacking. The soldier, however, steadily kept his lead in points and eventually won the match. The verdict was certainly popular and Morrell is to be congratulated on his victory. Immediately after the referee's decision was given, Christie's second announced that Christie was willing to meet Morrell again, for £500 dollars and beat him in three rounds. Mr. White, the Referee, said he had a man whom he would bet against either of the contestants.

Newman Defeated at Bombay.

Bombay, February 21. The fight between Sam Newman, water-weight champion of Chhota and Manila, and Private Jack Macdonald 83rd Highlanders, water-weight champion of the Army, for the championship of India was decided last night and after a most stubborn encounter lasting no less than thirty-four rounds resulted in a victory for Macdonald.

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MATTERS FEMINE.

Betty's London Letter.

LONDON, January 18.

CHINESE Tailors—There are Englishwomen in Hongkong who affirm that the work of a Chinese tailor is good for nothing. I beg to differ of opinion, while at the same time acknowledging that in some few ways (the making of evening dresses and togas, for instance) he certainly is a failure. A creditable amount of useful plain tailoring work may be got out of the celestial dress maker if you only know the right way to set about it.

First and foremost, provide your tailor with a well cut pattern. Next, if possible, have the work done at your own house where you can keep your eye on him and avoid mistakes such as a Chinese tailor once made on a white muslin frock of mine by making a conspicuous seam down the very middle of the front of the skirt. Then by having the work done at home you avoid much risk of catching plague in the plague season, and the clothes are also turned out fresher and cleaner. Lastly and not least, you must explain very forcibly, in your best pidgin English, to your tailor-man, that you do not wish the pattern and fashion of the clothes he has just made you to be copied exactly by his very next customer. This you will have much difficulty in making clear and emphatic enough.

Sequins—Sequins are again being used as a trimming, and perhaps somewhat over-lavishly. Gold, silver and moonlight sequins are most fashionable, but many evening gowns are sequined in self colours. At a public function great black net over white silk, with a dash of Victorian tartan draped from the left shoulder and a bunch of rowan berries on her bodice.

THE CORSET SKIRT—This skirt is still most popular, though anything but becoming to the people with short stout figures who seem to most affect this style. It is wonderful how little women really study the art of dress, and by this I mean their colouring, their build, their size, endeavouring at the same time to wear what best suits their personal characteristics. To wear an unbecoming pink, when one looks best in blue, merely because one is "so tired of the colour blue" is ridiculous.

FAN MAKING AS A HOBBY—The mount of a fan may be made of paper, silk, lace, vellum, and other light materials, decorated with embroidery, spangles or painting, according to taste. To prepare the mount, stretch the material you have chosen for the purpose on a frame and mark out its semi-circular form. Then trace, and afterwards work or paint the design. Silk fans may be painted in either water or oil colours, but if the latter are used, the silk should be prepared with a solution of isinglass. A mount of vellum painted in Japanese style, and made up afterwards by a skilful Chinese workman, with carved blackwood sticks might be a real work of art.

A FURNITURE POLISH—A polish for use in a tropical climate is one made up of two-thirds of turpentine and one of boiled linseed oil or sweet oil—the former for preference. Apply a small quantity of this polish to your furniture with a flannel, and afterwards polish with soft dusters.

USEFUL DIET FOR HONKONG ROBERTS.

TOMATOES IN RAMKIN CASES—Skin half a dozen tomatoes, beat them to a pulp with a wooden spoon, add 1 oz. butter, a little onion, a little parsley, a blade of mace, a clove, half a teaspoonful of salt, three or four pepper-corns and a little water. Bring gently to the boil and when tender pass through a sieve. The mixture must not be too liquid. Then mix in enough grated cheese to flavour well. Beat in the yolks of two eggs and the whites of three; pour into the ramekin cases at once, and bake ten or twelve minutes. These must be served immediately or they will lose the soufflé appearance which is their charm.

RUN OMELETTE—Then eggs, one ounce of butter, one tablespoonful of castor sugar and one tablespoonful of rum. Beat up the eggs, sugar, and rum. Put the butter in a pan and when hot pour in the mixture. Stir, and fry until the omelette is cooked and when a golden brown place the pan inside the oven for a few seconds to finish cooking the top. Serve with a little rum set afloat in the dish.

LIVER OROQUETTES—One pound of calf's liver, three quarters of a pint of stock, half a pound of mashed potatoes. Wipe liver carefully, cut it into slices and stew slowly in the stock. Then pound it and mix with season to taste with cayenne pepper, salt, chopped parsley, and lemon juice. Mix into it half the quantity of finely mashed potatoes, bind it with a beaten egg and divide into orquettes. Brush over with beaten egg roll in breadcrumbs and fry a golden brown. Serve on a bed of crisply fried parsley and garnish with tiny rings of fried bacon.

The Duchess de Bellaire at a very smart reception recently (says our Paris correspondent) wore a charming toque of peacock blue velvet trimmed with a bird of Paradise. Another hat, the broad brimmed "Reynold" shape, was smoke-grey velvet trimmed with darker hue, bands and feathers falling from the side to back of the hair. A very delightful costume is the *directoire*. One of fawn coloured silk tulle, and bodice and overskirt of dark blue shaded silk, widely opened in front, with the *directoire* hat, and white muslin gloves had a very beautiful appearance.

Lady St. Clair was walking in the Bois de Boulogne recently wearing a dark bottle green tailor made gown. It was quite plain but the bottom of the skirt showed a deep red under flounce. Some deep red flowers in the belt of the dress and a deep red flower in the toque, the same colour as the gown, gave a very nice combination of colours. It may seem "loud" but the effect was very graceful.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The engagement is reported of Prince Alexander of Battenberg, a Lieutenant in the British Navy, to Princess Marguerite, daughter of Prince Joachim Murat, who was descended from Marshal Murat, afterwards King of Naples, and Princess Joachim, descended from Marshal Ney.

Captain McArthur of the Eastern and Australian Company's steamer "Australia," has been the recipient of a very handsome present from the passengers by the steamer on her last trip from Australia. The steamer, it will be remembered, met with a mishap in Torres Straits and the passengers are loud in their praise of the prompt and effective measures taken for their safety by the Captain. The presentation took the form of a very handsome silver tea set together with an illuminated address setting out their appreciations.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 7th at 11.5a. The barometer had risen slightly in S. China.

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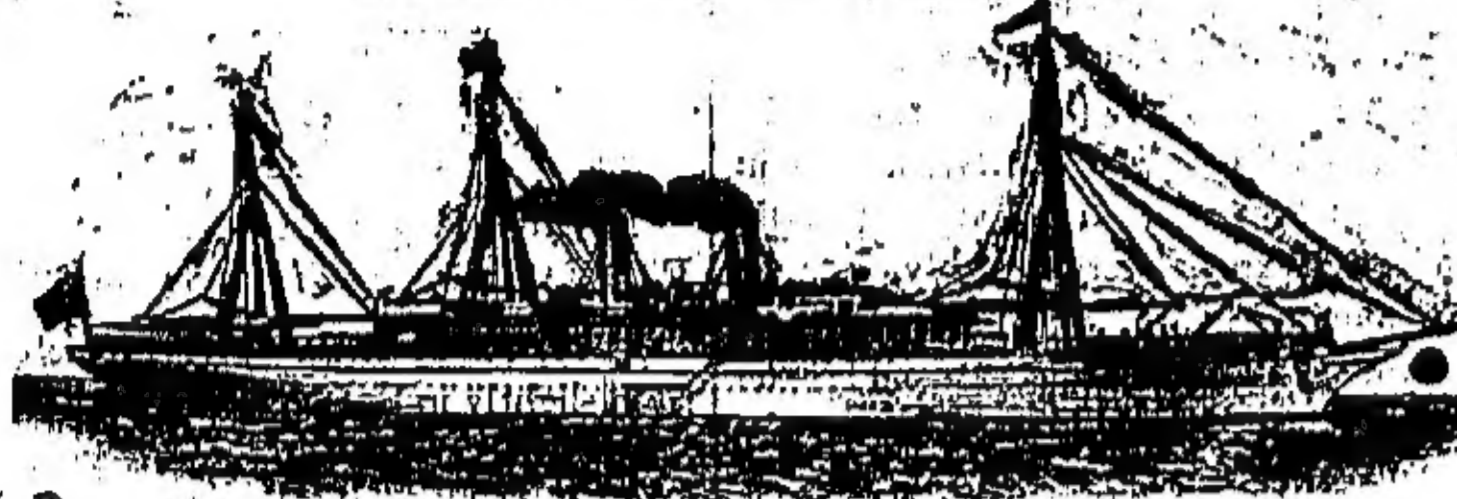
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MANILA PORT	DAEWIN	18th March.
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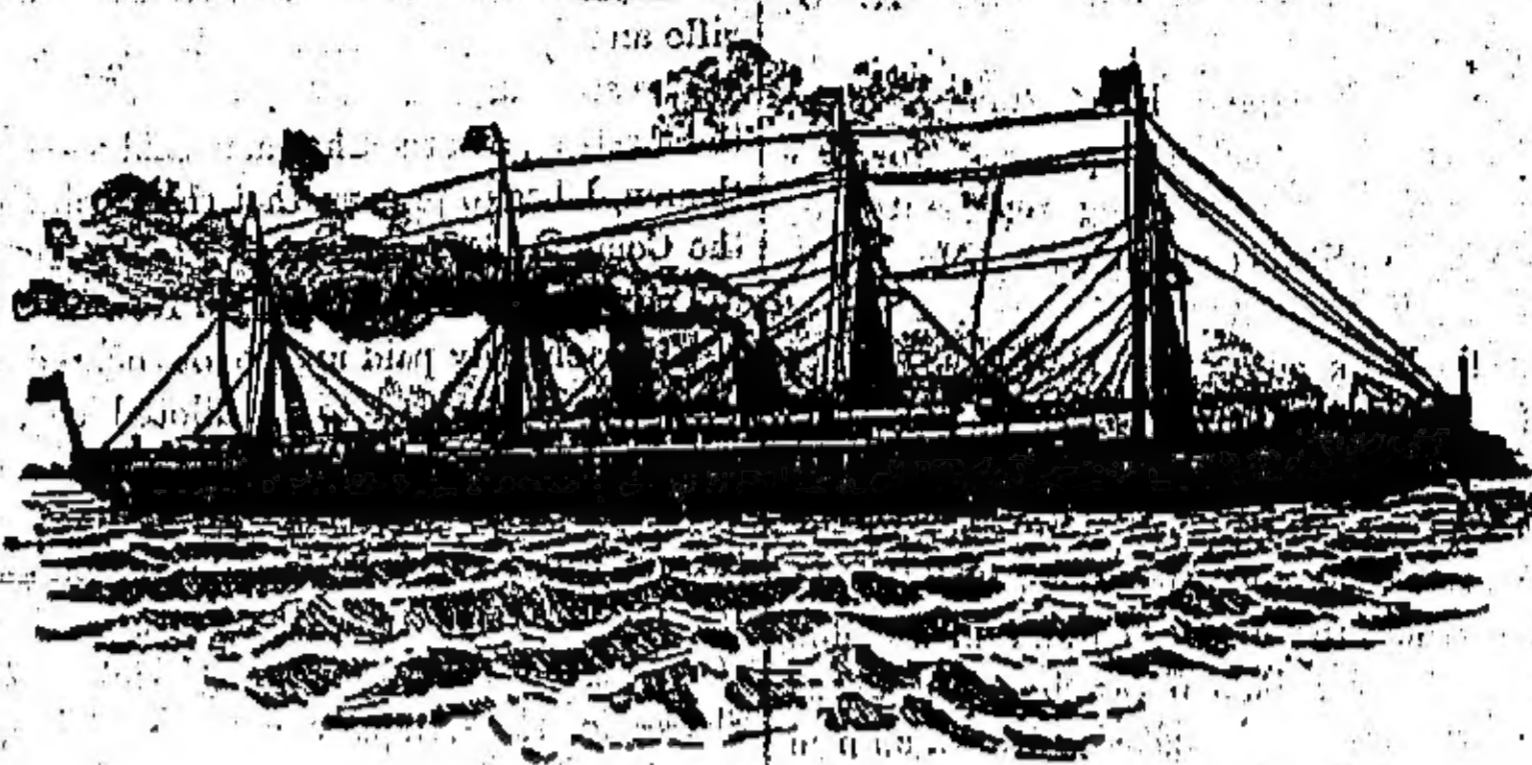
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* HONGKONG MARU.....	11,000	" " TUESDAY, 24th April, at Noon.
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E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 24, 1906. 391

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Captain J. KILPATRICK will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 15th inst., at Daylight.

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FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"BENVOLICH."

Captain Thompson will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 15th inst., at Daylight.

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THE Steamship

"OCEANIC."

Captain COVENS will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 20th March, 1906, at 1 p.m.

Passage Tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

SPORTING.

Home Football.

SCOTTISH CUP TIE—FIRST ROUND.
From exchanges to head by the French Mail, dated 3rd February, we take the following resume of the games:—

On Saturday the first round of the cup tie was played off under rather miserable weather conditions. The results were the most uneventful within recent years. All the fancied teams won, with the exception of Motherwell, and their defeat by the Hamilton Academicals cannot be looked upon as altogether inexplicable. Motherwell were the only First League team opposed to a combination outside that circle to fall, and as only two pairs of First League were drawn against each other, most of the big clubs are still left in the competition. This, of course, means that the second round will be full of interest.

The best game of the round was probably that at Dundee, where the Celtic just succeeded in defeating the home team by two goals to one. That the Celtic were lucky to win, no unbiased spectator would deny. Their first goal was scored through a temporary breakdown in the Dundee defence. The Dundee men had rather the better of the first half, but could not score, while in the second half play evenly distributed, and luck aided the Celtic.

The defence on both sides was better than the attack, though the Celtic left wing defenders had sometimes rather more to do than they could do against the opposing Dundee forwards. Macfarlane was the best forward on the field, and Mitchell, his partner, played admirably well for a recruit drafted in from the second eleven. Together they were the most dangerous forwards playing. The other Dundee forwards were disappointing, and the Celtic five were also below form. The game was dramatic and interesting to watch.

The Hibernians did well to defeat Falkirk at Falkirk. They had little to spare, but they got the odd goal, which was rather more than was expected of them. With Callaghan able to remove the Hibernians' prospects are now improving, and they may do well in the further stages of the cup competition. The Hearts had little opposition at Tynecastle, whether they had the Nithsdale Wanderers by a monetary bait. They scored two goals in the first five minutes, and thereafter, torturing their opponents, finished the game with a lead of four to one.

Leith Athletic had very hard luck in losing to Partick Thistle by two goals to one. There were three penalties awarded in the course of the game, from which Partick Thistle scored. The other two were given to Leith, but only one was converted. Leith had most of the play, but their finishing was rather weak. They were unfortunate, too, in having to play against the wind in the first half and in having to re-arrange their team because of injury prevented one of their backs from playing. Despite these misfortunes Leith played the better game, and the First League were forced to kick out towards "time" to save their goal. Whatever credit there was in the play did not, therefore, belong to Partick Thistle.

The draw in the second round of the Association Cup took place on Tuesday evening. The Hearts were again unlucky. After drawing a financial blank in the first round, they have had pretty much the same luck in the second. Drawn against Beith at Beith, they cannot look for any goal, but they can at least amuse themselves by speculating on who their opponents in the third round will be. Beith are not a weak team, all the same, and they contested the Qualifying Final against the winners, Leith Athletic. The Hibernians are drawn at home against Partick Thistle and should pass into the third round. The Partick team, when seen at Leith last Saturday, did not inspire confidence. The draw, generally, can hardly be said to offer much excitement. It seems too easy to forecast the results. One of the best games will have to go to Aberdeen, whether Rangers will have to go—doubtless in trepidation, and not without reason.

To-day's Advertisements

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, 25 George Street, Sydney, New South Wales, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of March, 1906, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., when the following Resolution will be passed:—

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be increased to £2,000,000 by the creation and issue of 50,000 New Shares of £10 each fully paid up, to be offered at par and if accepted by the shareholders of the Company according to the Company's register of Shareholders on the first day of July, 1906, in the proportion of one New Share for every three Old Shares in the Company held by the respective Shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such New Shares to be paid on the 31st day of July, 1906, and that falling short of the amount so provided, the said New Shares be disposed of by the General Managers in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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THE Company's Steamship
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Captain A. J. ROSSON, will be despatched
for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 9th
inst., at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LAFFRAK & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, March 7, 1906.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 6.

Tientsin, British steamer, 2,555, F.E. Andrews, R.N.R., Kobe February 28, General-P. & O. S. N. Co.

Kiungking, British steamer, 1,228, W. O. Jones, Shanghai March 4, General-P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 7.

Haitan, British steamer, 1,163, J. R. Rosch, Foochow March 4, Amoy 5, and Swatow 6, General-Douglas Steamship Co.

Wilkead, German steamer, 4,778, Ph. Oberauer, Kobe February 28, General-Melchers & Co.

Dagin Maru, Japanese steamer, 900, H. Ohta, Tanami, via Amoy and Swatow March 6, General-OSAKA STEAMSHIP CO.

Palambang, Dutch steamer, 2,270, Dalmeijer, Palambang via Swatow March 5, Kerosina, MYERS & Co.

Tiger, German gunboat, 900, Aboken, Swatow March 6.

Hunan, British steamer, from Canton.

Mingfo, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

March 7.

Empress of Japan, for Shanghai and Vancouver.

Chongking, for Yokohama.

Kiungking, for Swatow.

Windsor, for Rangoon.

Kiungking, for Canton.

Chongking, for Canton.

Germ. Gen. transport, for Vladivostok.

Hyakko, for Moji and Yamaguchi.

Samba, for Singapore and Hamburg.

Kiungking, for Canton.

Apenrade, for Heligoland.

Palambang, for Palembang.

Marie, for Swatow.

Tientsin, for Singapore and Bombay.

Nanchang, for Hongkong.

Wilkead, for Manila and Sydney.

DEPARTURES.

March 7.

For Hainan, from Coast Ports, Messrs Robert, Mandy, Pudding, and 2800 Chinese.

For Wilkead, from Kobe, Mr and Mrs Guinness, and Miss Evans.

For Tonkin, for Shanghai, Messrs John, Akermann, Caboché, A. Chopard, for Singapore, Mr and Mrs. P. L. Moutonbeil.

For Yokohama, via de Marsey, Messrs A. Moss, Dallas, Zedbold, and James W. Price.

For Tientsin, for Saigon, Mr and Mrs. Rausy, Mr and Mrs. A. S. Moulder, Messrs L. E. Dumas and G. Kaurmy; for Singapore, Dr. Brett, Messrs P. L. Moutonbeil, O. T. Gattien, F. Bonnet, T. Van Oiters, and G. W. Howley; for Colombo, Messrs T. A. Griffith and L. H. Dennis; for Bombay, Mr D. B. Kavarana; for Marcellus, Messrs H. Burton, Lutz, N. E. Schragard, L. de Carne, Albert Wolf, and R. Sarrailh.

For Pulo-Dore, Mr Emilio Levy, Messrs Jose de Almeida, Motie, Pellegrini and Peronzo.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Hainan reports: Favourable, light variables and fine weather. Amoy to Swatow, moderate N.E. winds, smooth sea and misty weather. Swatow to Hongkong, moderate variables and sea, fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Mails will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.

For Hainan, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 8th March.

For QUANG CHOW WAN.

For Kampong, at noon, on Thursday, the 8th March.

For MACAO.

For Hongkong, at 1.15 p.m., on Thursday, the 8th March.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

For Kiang, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, the 8th March.

For KOBE & SAN FRANCISCO.

For Semiole, at 4 p.m., on Thursday, the 8th March.

For VLADIVOSTOK.

For Dr. Hans J. Kizer, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 9th March.

For AMOY & MANILA.

For Zofio, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 9th March.

For MANILA.

For Longyang, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 9th March.

For NEWCHANG.

For Hunan, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 9th March.

For AMOY, MANILA & HIOLO.

For Sumbung, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 9th March.

For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO.

For America Maru, on Saturday, the 10th March.

Printed Matter and Samples at 9 a.m.

Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 9.30 a.m.

Registration, Kowloon B.O., 9 a.m.

No late fee.

Letters at 10 a.m.

(Supplementary Mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail.

Extra Postage 10 cents.)

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.

For Hainan, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 8th March.

For QUANG CHOW WAN.

For Kampong, at noon, on Thursday, the 8th March.

For MACAO.

For Hongkong, at 1.15 p.m., on Thursday, the 8th March.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

For Kiang, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, the 8th March.

For KOBE & SAN FRANCISCO.

STREAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH BRITAIN.)

Heliopolis, February 2; Maronthe, 3; Indragiri, 4; Maronthe, 5; Indragiri, 6; Maronthe, 7; Indragiri, 8; Maronthe, 9; Indragiri, 10; Maronthe, 11; Indragiri, 12; Maronthe, 13; Indragiri, 14; Maronthe, 15; Indragiri, 16; Maronthe, 17; Indragiri, 18; Maronthe, 19; Indragiri, 20; Maronthe, 21; Indragiri, 22; Maronthe, 23; Indragiri, 24; Maronthe, 25; Indragiri, 26; Maronthe, 27; Indragiri, 28; Maronthe, 29; Indragiri, 30; Maronthe, 31; Indragiri, 32; Maronthe,